

WASHINGTON- Congressman Spencer Bachus is avidly supporting a Bill in the House of Representatives that will increase the Military Death Benefit from \$12,000 to \$50,000. Congressman Bachus and Congressman Dennis Moore (D-KS) are the lead sponsors of the bi-partisan legislation they introduced on September 9th, 2004.

Retroactively applied to all military servicemen and women who have died since September 11th, 2001, HR 5055 will provide much needed financial assistance for the families of those who have been killed in the line of duty.

"We must do more to assist the survivors of servicemen and women to overcome the emotional and financial burdens placed upon them as a result of their loss. The present death benefit is grossly inadequate to compensate the families of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice," said Bachus.

Congressman Bachus is a strong supporter of our veterans and our Armed Forces. He continues to advocate legislation which will further support the families of soldiers who have died fighting for freedom.

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